(iii) Delineation of free flowing zones in cambay basin.

(iv) Feasibility for development of ground water by dug wells., dug-cum-bore wells and bore wells in North East parts underlain by hard rocks.

(c) Based on the techno-economic considerations of the schemes/projects, and the level of utilisation of ground water, the State Government is expected to initiate appropriate programmes for optimal utilisation of ground water for providing safe drinking water to rural population.

Installation of Solar Photo Voltaic Pumping System in Gujarat

115. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have installed Solar Photo Voltaic Pumping System to augment water supply in the rural parts of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to substantially increase the number of such pumping systems in the State during 1997-98; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 7 pumping system in 7 villages of 3 districts have been installed as under:—

1. Surendranagar	:	(i) Sangania
		(ii) Khintia
		(iii) Mojidad
		(iv) Devasar
		(v) Bhimgarh
2. Jamnagar	:	(vi) Khakahara
3. Bharuch	:	(vii) Patti Dattawada

(c) and (d) The State will be sanctioned more such units subject to the availability of suitable sites for their installation.

Construction of East coast road project

116. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made on construction of proposed East coast road project linking Chennaiah to the South along the Coastline; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) About 82 percent.

(b) The target date of completion of the project is March, 1998.

Reduction in country's cargo carried by Indian ships

117. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a continuous reduction in the country's cargo being carried by Indian ships during the 8th Five Year Plan, year-wise targets and achievements;

(b) the main reasons for the shortfall; and

(c) the rate of ship requisition and the reasons for lowering the targets?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) There has been a reduction in percentage terms in the carriage of India's overseas trade by Indian vessels during the 8th Plan period. However, in terms of volume, there has been no apreciable reduction. The year-wise share of Indian shipping in India's overseas trade during the 8th Plan period is as under: